

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**4332 Private
Sydney Botsman**

45th Battalion



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45th A.I.F.

Botsman S. 4332
1882,

8-9/8/16

(K. 8/9/16 Det. D/B)

"Botsman was in my Plt. and I knew him well. At Pozieres on August 8th in the morning about 10 a.m. he was carrying someone out on a stretcher. A shell burst near and hit him on the head killing him. He was buried where he fell. I did not see it happen but I dealt with his effects afterwards".

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. Rockey Adams, 2551,
45th A.I.F., D. Coy., XII Plt.,
2nd Southern General Hospt.,
Southmead, Bristol.

Home address:
Morwenna,
Hackwell Heath,
High Wycombe,
Bucks.

May 22nd 1917,

Previous report by Adams

45th A. I. E.

S. BOTSCHAN. 4352A.

Killed 8/9.6.16. Details D & B.

Informant states that Botschan was in 18 Pl. D Co. and was a personal friend of his. He was detailed for stretcher bearing at Pozieres and Informant saw him shot through the head and instantaneously killed, whilst he was carrying away a wounded man. Informant thinks he was buried where he fell, just behind the front line.

Reference: Pte. Adams, 2501.

No. 10 General. Rouen. 18.6.17.

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19th March, 1917.

45th AUSTRALIANS

BOTSMAN, S. 4332A

K. 8-9.8.16. Det. D/B.

He was buried in the trenches at Pozieres.

Informant: L/Cpl. C. Osborne, 2663
45th Australians, D Co., 13th Pltn.,
H. S. Panama.

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45th A.I.F.

Botsmen S. No. 4332 A. & B.

K. 8-9th August 1916. Det D/B.

I saw him lying in the sap at Pozieres, ^{dead} He had been told off as a S/B just before he went into the line. He didn't want to but they made him. I think that he was killed while bringing up a stretcher. We were all coming out when I saw his ^{body}. I knew him well he had come out with us in June (?) last year.

Inf:- L/Cpl Starling No. 2902.

H.S. "Dieppe".

Calais. 1.3.17. OR.

Note:- There was no time to ask further details.

OR.